

PERCENT OF MOTHERS OBTAINING NO PRENATAL CARE IN FIRST TRIMESTER BY COUNTY AND RACE

Objective

By 1990, the proportion of women in any county or racial or ethnic group (e.g., Black, Hispanic, American Indian) who obtain no prenatal care during the first trimester of pregnancy should not exceed ten percent.

Explanatory Notes

Percentages are based on live births only. Births having unknown month of first prenatal visit have been eliminated from the denominator. Races are categorized as white or nonwhite. Data are not available prior to 1974.

Findings

In 1990, all counties except Tyrrell exceeded the national objective of 10 percent. County percentages ranged from 9.1 in Tyrrell to 43.7 in Wayne.

Percentages for late or no prenatal care began a slow rise in the late 1980s. Neither race reached the national objective for prenatal care, but for whites historically and for nonwhites since 1981, the N.C. percentages are better than those for the U.S.

Related National Year 2000 Objectives

- o Increase to at least 90 percent the proportion of all pregnant women who receive prenatal care in the first trimester of pregnancy.
- o Increase to at least 90 percent the proportion of all pregnant black, American Indian and Hispanic women who receive prenatal care in the first trimester of pregnancy.

Data Sources

North Carolina: State Center for Health and Environmental Statistics
United States: National Center for Health Statistics

COUNTIES WITH PERCENT NO PRENATAL CARE IN FIRST TRIMESTER GREATER THAN TEN

